



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 10, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The County of Los Angeles is an international leader in numerous industries including entertainment, technology, and trade. As the 8th largest economy in the Nation and the 17th largest in the world, it is essential that County government continue to support the infrastructure which historically has been an integral component in the economic growth in our region. Whereas in previous economic cycles, innovations in heavy industrial manufacturing served as the catalyst for economic growth, today it is clear that continued economic prosperity relies on communications technology. Specifically, the Internet stands as the driving force behind any jurisdiction's ability to compete in an increasingly global market.

"The availability of higher education institutions and the positive impact which they have on the local workforce has long been regarded as a major factor in attracting and retaining businesses. Today, a substantial amount of learning and business is conducted online. Therefore, it is imperative that the County of Los Angeles expand its workforce and economic development initiatives to include the expansion and widespread availability of high speed wireless Internet.

"Over the last several years, the Board has provided leadership and supported the implementation of wireless Internet at all County libraries to supplement the wired Internet access that was already available. Additionally, the Department of Parks and Recreation provides wired Internet access at many of its recreational facilities.

"While the County has shown initiative in making Internet access available, it is time to pursue a broader initiative that will not only allow the County to remain at the forefront of high tech globalization, but would be an essential upgrade to our constituents' quality of life."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to work in concert with the Chief Information Officer, Directors of Public Works, Community and Senior Services, Parks and Recreation, Consumer Affairs and Internal Services to accomplish the following in order to assess the viability and benefits of expanding Wireless Fidelity "WiFi" internet access throughout Los Angeles County:

1. Conduct a feasibility study on the expanded development and implementation of "WiFi" services to be made available within the unincorporated areas, County courthouses, parks and recreation areas, Community and Senior Services facilities and other possible areas of the County, as deemed appropriate by the Chief Administrative Officer, for the benefit of all residents and businesses at minimal or no cost, with the study to include estimated costs, timelines for implementation, potential security issues, and the viability of partnering with local cable or telecommunications companies that are currently providing services in the unincorporated areas of the County;
2. Consult with other jurisdictions within the County to determine whether this expanded service could be coordinated either in collaboration or partnership with interested municipalities;
3. Assess the operational benefits of "WiFi" access for County Departments; and
4. Report back to the Board with findings and recommendations within 180 days.

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